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REMARKS

By this amendment, claim 1 has been modified to better define the invention, and claims 5-9 have been canceled, leaving claims 1-4 remaining pending in this application, and these are presented for consideration by the Examiner.

Although claim 1 was rejected under numerous references, only the patent to Arthur (*582) is relevant, in that Arthur teaches a rock-like cover to enclose utility lines. Be that as it may, claim 1 sets forth a vessel disguised to look like a rock, the vessel having a base portion and a lid ... Anticipation requires that a single piece of prior art teach or suggest each and every element of a claim. As Arthur does not teach or suggest a base portion, *prima facie* anticipation has not been established. Although Arthur does arguably teach a base 34, it does not form part of a vessel disguised to look like a rock.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicant believes all pending claims are in condition for allowance. Questions regarding this application may be directed to the undersigned attorney by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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